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In re patent application of

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Serial No.: Unassigned

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For: CONJUGATES OF SOLUBLE PEPTIDIC COMPOUNDS
WITH MEMBRANE-BINDING AGENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned case, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, please insert

-- This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/214,913, filed March 16, 1999, which is a 371 of PCT/EP97/03715, filed July 8, 1997. The entirety of these applications is hereby incorporated by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims ~~27, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 46, and 49~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim ~~3~~, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim ~~4~~, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.